

WASHINGTON - Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Representative John W. Olver today announced that they have awarded more than \$100,000 in grants to three fire departments in Massachusetts.

"We're all reminded of the dangerous and enormously important job our Firefighters do on a daily basis," said Senator Kennedy. "These grants are a welcome contribution to maintaining the safety of firefighters and residents in our state."

"These grants are a welcome contribution to maintaining the safety of firefighters and residents in our state," said Representative Olver. "We are proud to support our firefighters and the communities they serve."

These funds have been awarded to the Barre, Russell and Whately Fire Departments as part of a larger effort to support fire departments across the state.

**Barre Fire Department -- \$16,799 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety**

**Russell Fire Department -- \$37,800 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety**

**Whately Fire Department -- \$45,900 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety**

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